

PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS

By GARDNER MACK.

THE BEST Photoplay Department in WASHINGTON

Pollock Grills the Censors of 'Carmen'

In a Humorous
Criticism

Channing Pollock, who once made the Washington people sit up and take notice through the columns of The Times as a real honest-to-goodness critic of the drama, has blossomed forth as a humorist! Pollock was a real dramatic critic when he was in Washington and to this is probably due his overdevelopment of the sense of humor which most Washingtonians have. When he left here he began to write plays and what might be termed the higher criticism of the drama—meaning that it was published in magazines instead of newspapers.

Dramatic criticism was to him a very vital thing, and his ideas of what was and what was not honest and four-square of dramatic value in a play were expressed in a style that made them worth while, both because of their literary and their critical value.

A few months ago Pollock was inveigled to engage in the motion picture business. And immediately thereafter he was announced by the editor of the Photoplay Magazine as a humorist! Just what connection there is between the two the editor of the Photoplay Magazine doesn't explain—and the editor of the Photoplay Magazine also has a Washington-nurtured sense of humor, it might be mentioned in passing.

However, Pollock's salutory in the realm of humor creates a brand new precedent. His work is really humorous. At least the first that has come into print in the magazine referred to is really humorous. It is a bit of satiric essay on censorship of motion pictures. It finds that the young girl's definition of censors as "things that are empty and make a great deal of smoke and smell from almost nothing," and that they should swing "is a real definition of the kind of censor he means. He states further that a censor is a politician's way of correcting nature, which gave us five senses and only one conscience."

Still further along in his essay, he states that "Discretion is the better part of virtue. To the poor all things are pure." And so, epigrammatically, on. But he reached a climax in the literary tears he sheds over the figure of a censor-reformed "Carmen."

"Considering that it is forty years since first she mouthed her mad love to the music of Bizet, Carmen might have expected the deference due old age. Beautifully filmed, and beautifully acted by Geraldine Farrar, she came as a bolt from the blue to shocked and surprised 'boards' in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and California. Her ancient kins, that inspired the first big press agent 'story,' was ordered cut to five feet."

"Just a little love, a little kiss," warbled the Buckeyes, and nothing more than a yard and two-thirds of affection came within that allowance. "All love scenes showing emulsion, all love scenes between males and females were ordered measured and trimmed, leaving the cigarette-maker to give her life for a purely maternal neck from the baneful bull fighter, Escamillo."

"Come to think of it, however, Carmen wasn't permitted to give her life, either in Ohio or in California. A local board in the latter State objected to the killing of a woman by a man, though there is no opposition to the killing of men by women. After all, girls will be girls! It is only the male who must not be encouraged! Pennsylvania banned the little set-to between Carmen and Frasquita, and the duel between Morales and Don Jose."

"All this had taken place dozens of times in the opera in Philadelphia, without appreciable effect upon the police records, but, apparently, the censors were comforted by the reflection that no one knows what an opera is about, anyway. 'Carmen' is forbidden in England, but there has been no rising against 'Traviata.'"

"Ohio prevented poor Carmen's smoking one of her own cigarettes, and, in one State or another, the majesty of the law raised the level of her décolletage, restrained her from baring the shoulder of her rival, and interfered generally with the artless displays of temper and temperament. 'Carmen,' as amended and expurgated, must have borne a striking family resemblance to 'Elsie Pinmore.'"

"If I have failed to keep my promise, and be execrably funny, you will admit that the censors are making it up to you." G. M.

TODAY'S BEST FILMS

By GARDNER MACK.

Dorothy Donnelly, in "Madame X," the Garden, 423 Ninth street.

Mabel Van Buren, Theodore Roberts and House Peters, in "The Girl of the Golden West" (Paramount Pictures), the Leader, Ninth between E and F streets.

Alice Brady, in "The Ballet Girl" (World Film Corp.), Grandall's, Ninth and E streets.

Mary Boland and Willard Mack, in "The Edge of the Abyss" (Triangle), the Strand, Ninth and D streets.

Holbrook Blinn, in "The Ivory Snuff Box," the Empire, 915 H street northeast.

Fannie Ward, in "Tennessee's Pardner," adapted from the story by Bret Harte (Lasky), Loew's Columbia, Twelfth and F streets.

Ruth Stonehouse and Bryant Washburn, in "The Abster Case" (Edison), Grandall's Apollo, 624 H street northeast.

Constance Johnson, in "The Inner Soul" (Lasky), the Hippodrome, Ninth street and New York avenue.

"Uncle Sam at Work," Federal employees and activities in Washington and elsewhere (Dowling-Haskins), the Alhambra, 33 Seventh street.

Note—These selections are made from programs prepared by the managers of the theaters concerned, and no responsibility is assumed for arbitrary changes without notice to The Times. They are based on the personality of the players and the producing company and not on personal inspection, except in special cases. G. M.

To Address Home Club.

Mrs. Katherine F. Wright, a storyteller of national reputation, will recite Uncle Remus stories before the Home Club at its meeting tomorrow night. Dr. William Hamilton, accompanied by Miss Isabel Towler, will sing several tenor numbers.



HENRY B. WALTHALL.

As he appears in the film version of "The Strange Case of Mary Page," the story of which is published in The Times every Sunday.

A. Leftwich Sinclair to Head Legislation Board

A. Leftwich Sinclair is chairman of the committee on law and legislation selected by President P. T. Moran, of the Chamber of Commerce. Charles Linkens is vice chairman.

The other members are Robert L. Anderson, Lewis J. Rattle, M. D., R. B. Beltrami, John W. Brannan, Robert E. Mann, Oliver S. Metzger, R. C. L. Moncre, Frank Morrison, E. J. Murphy, Louis Ottenberg, E. Porter, Daniel W. Prentiss, M. D., Major Raymond W. Pullman, J. A. Shaffer, J. R. Stride, Odell S. Smith, F. C. Steward, Judge Milton Strasburger, W. C. Sullivan, L. M. Thayer, A. Wade Wells, Edward O. Whitford, G. F. Williams, Ed. Frank Wright, and O. T. Wright.

Foreign Trade Being Investigated by Board

A comprehensive investigation of the trade of foreign countries and of competitive conditions in the foreign field is being made by the Federal Trade Commission.

A special report to Congress on these conditions, as well as on unfair competition that American business will have to meet in the foreign field will be made to Congress about the middle of April. It will furnish a basis for possible legislation to permit combination in American industries in the export trade.

The Federal Trade Commission has forty trained men in the field engaged upon this investigation. In addition it has a number of special agents abroad, and is receiving detailed confidential reports from American commercial attaches and United States consuls.

On International Police.

The merits of establishing an international police force to uphold treaties and preserve peace between nations, will be debated before the Economic Society of George Washington University, at its meeting in the Arts and Science building tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

THIS WILL INTEREST STOMACH SUFFERERS

Says Indigestion comes from
an excess of hydrochloric
acid.

A well-known authority states that stomach trouble and indigestion is nearly always due to acidity—acid stomach—and not, as most folk believe, from a lack of digestive juices. He states that an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach retards digestion, and hinders food from reaching the small intestine. He tells us to lay aside all digestive acids and instead, get from any pharmacy four ounces of Jad Salts and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast while it is effective, and, furthermore, to continue this for one week. While relief follows the first dose, it is important to neutralize the acidity, remove the excess-making mass, start the liver, stimulate the kidneys, and thus promote a free flow of pure digestive juices. Jad Salts is inexpensive and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and sodium phosphate. This harmless salt is used by thousands of people for stomach trouble with excellent results.—ADVT.

Honora McGrath's Will Is Filed for Probate

Honora McGrath, by a will dated January 12, last, which has been filed for probate, bequeathed her entire estate to her three children, William H. McGrath, Rose Aenes and Mary Ellen McGrath, with the exception of \$100, which is to be paid to the Rev. Ignatius Smith, of the Dominican House of Studies at Brookland. Rose Aenes McGrath is under executrix.

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To Lecture at Y. M. C. A. on Business Man's Education

Charles Ashford Pace, member of the New York bar, will speak at 8 o'clock tonight in the assembly hall of the Y. M. C. A. on "The Program of Education for the Business Man."

Mr. Pace and his brother, Homer S. Pace, are joint authors of the "Pace & Pace Texts in Accountancy," now used in fifty-odd schools of accountancy throughout the country, and a number of leading universities.

Mr. Pace will lecture to the students of the Washington School of Account-

Book of Revelations to Be Subject of Lecture

The Book of Revelations will be the subject of a lecture this evening at Theosophical Hall, by Miss Isabel Holbrook, of the Theosophical Society. Sunday evening she will lecture on a key to the Scriptures and tomorrow afternoon a tea will be given at the hall in her honor.

Last night Miss Holbrook delivered a lecture on the scientific side of theosophy.

Cummins Asks U. S. to Aid Blue and Gray Reunion

Aid from the National Treasury for the proposed reunion of the Union and Confederate armies of the Tennessee and Mississippi at Vicksburg in October, 1917, was proposed in a resolution by Senator Cummins of Iowa.

A celebration similar to that held at Gettysburg in 1913 is under way for October 16 to 18.

Cummins' language directs the Secretary of War to provide all necessary camp and sanitary equipment, and to give all other needed aid, up to a maximum expense of \$150,000.

Russian Society Honors Dr. Charles D. Walcott

Dr. Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, has been elected an honorary member of the Imperial Society of Naturalists of Moscow as a mark of the esteem in which he is held as a scientist by this society.

Notice of his election has just been received by Dr. Walcott in a letter from Prof. M. Menzies, acting president of the society.



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